

**Bigfork Steering Committee Minutes**  
**January 24, 2008**  
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**(draft)**

In attendance: Elna Darrow, Sally Janover, Craig Wagner, Pat Wagner, Paul Rana, Gary Ridderhoff, George Darrow, Edd Blackler, Bruce Solberg, Darrel Coverdell, Alex Strickland, Chase Averill, Paul Guerrant, Clarice Ryan

Chairman Craig Wagner called the meeting to order at 12:01

**Agenda:** The Agenda was adopted as amended. (m/sc Darrow, G/Solberg)

**Minutes:** The minutes for January 10, 2008 were approved as emailed. (m/sc Darrow, E/Ridderhoff)

**Treasurer's Report:** No report

**Resort Tax.** Bruce Solberg mentioned that Julie Spencer had come to a meeting and had explained the complete list of needs that the Bigfork Water and Sewer District needs to bring the system up to date. It was mentioned it would be nice to be able to receive some funds to help our own infrastructure. Their committee will meet again on Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at 12:00 at the Chamber office.

**Lake County Planning:** Paul Rana spoke for this committee. They will meet on Friday January 25, 2008 to hold their 4<sup>th</sup> and last drive thru area. They are hoping to be able to start compiling all their facts about the four different areas. They meet on the second and fourth Friday of the month at Saddlehorn Discovery Tower at 9:00 am. Paul also had some information about Glass Recycling. He has been in contact with Corey Cullen of New World Recycling. Paul took a large trash of glass into Kalispell. Corey will have 2 trucks available the 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at the Whitefish Mall and Kalispell Mall (Herberger's side). The cost is \$10.00 for a 32 gal trash can. The Fee is to help pay for the pulverizing machine and cost of fuel. Hopefully he can find a market for the silicate that is produced by the machine such as a road dept. Paul is also hoping to engage the bars and restaurants to think about recycling their glass. Sally Janover mentioned that Catherine Haug tried to get the bars and restaurants interested and unless someone came to pick them up they weren't interested. Sally also mentioned she is in a neighborhood glass recycling plan. Each house in the neighborhood takes turns in taking the glass trash can to the center. Chase Averill mentioned that right now Allied Waste has given Flathead County Trash Services to cross their territory to recycle everything they have from their construction and they will be using as much of the recyclable material in the building of Saddlehorn, such as wood left over and making saw dust for use on their horse trails.

**Watershed Committee:** Paul spoke for the Watershed Committee. They had their first meeting Wednesday January 23, 2008. The elected officers are Chairwoman-Sue Hanson, Vice Chairwoman-Elna Darrow and Secretary-Paul Rana

**Vision Committee:** Edd mentioned their next meeting is Monday February 4, 2008. Sally Janover has been doing some research in trying to find some events that could be held in the winter. She found a couple of web sites, One called Main Street Program and another web site that gives grants for Historical sites. She also mentioned that Mary Jo Naïve is working on a Valentine promotion for the downtown area

**Announcements:**

The County park board is looking for a Bigfork alternate member to serve on the Bigfork Park advisory board. If you are interested you should check with the County park board.

Also the county is looking for a person from Bigfork for representation on the Solid Waste Board. Our rep has resigned. Any one interested send a letter or email indicating such to ;

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**February 7, 2008 at 7:00 there is a public meeting at Bethany Lutheran Church to take public comment on the neighborhood plan. This meeting will be conducted by the Flathead Head County Planning Board.**

**February 14, 2008 at 12:00 The BSC and the BLUAC will hold a joint meeting to go over the public comments. The public is invited to that meeting also.**

**The Neighborhood Plan can be viewed online at [bigforksteering.org](http://bigforksteering.org) or a copy can be read at The Bigfork UPS store, it can also be reviewed at PC Fitness "café" for a fee.**

There will be no BSC meeting on January 31, 2008 as this secretary will be filling in for BLUAC that afternoon. Our next meeting will be February 7, 2008 Bethany Lutheran Church 7:00 pm, the Public Meeting. The February 14, 2008 Community Forum meeting has been cancelled due to the joint meeting of the BSC, BLUAC and the public on the Neighborhood Plan. Then we will be ready to send this plan on to the County Planning Department.

Don't forget the BLUAC Elections which are coming up soon. I now have all the filing papers. I will send more information in a separate announcement.

Elna Darrow brought in a clipping from the Daily Interlake which concerns a lecture series at the Museum. Darrell Robes Kipp co-founder and director of the Piegan Institute will speak on the topic: " Backbone of the World; Longtime Home of the Blackfeet. Now it is known as Crown of the Continent. Tickets are 10.00 for non member and 7.50 for members. It is on January 27, 2008 at 2:30 pm. You can call 758381 for further information.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:37

Pat Wagner, Secretary